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PLEASE PASS TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY TODMAN

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR, PA, OVIP (TODAMAN, TERENCE A.)  
SUBJ: GOP REQUESTS TODMAN STOPOVER

REF: STATE 98404

1. FOREIGN MINISTER NOGUES CALLED ME EARLY MAY 9 AND SAID THAT THE PRESIDENT HAD ASKED THAT ASSISTANT SECRETARY TODMAN, ON HIS CURRENT SWING THROUGH LATIN AMERICA, VISIT PARAGUAY EVEN IF ONLY FOR A FEW HOURS. IN RELAYING PRESIDENT'S REQUEST, FOREIGN MINISTER NOGUES COMMENTED THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER HAD INFORMED HIM PERSONALLY THAT PARAGUAY WOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE NEXT VISIT BY A HIGH-RANKING OFFICIAL. MOREOVER, THE PRESIDENT HAD FINALLY DECIDED TO PERMIT THE VISIT OF THE IAHR TO PARAGUAY AND HE HAD DONE SO AT OUR URGING. CONSIDERING THE OLD FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN PARAGUAY AND THE U.S., NOGUES EXPRESSED STRONG HOPE THAT ASSISTANT SECRETARY TODMAN WOULD BE ABLE TO STOPOVER IN ASUNCION BETWEEN BRASILIA AND LA PAZ.

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2. COMMENT: IN VIEW OF THE LONG-STANDING RIVALRY BETWEEN BOLIVIA AND PARAGUAY, THE GOP IS ALWAYS UPSET IF PARAGUAY IS BYPASSED IN FAVOR OF BOLIVIA, AS HAPPENED DURING THE KISSINGER VISIT TO SANTA CRUZ. SECRETARY KISSINGER DID, IN FACT, PROMISE A VISIT TO PARAGUAY (SEE NODIS STATE 173551 OF 7/14/76).

3. TO KEEP OUR HUMAN RIGHTS INITIATIVE ROLLING, EVEN A SHORT VISIT FROM ASSISTANT SECRETARY TODMAN WOULD BE MOST WELCOME AND VERY USEFUL. THERE ARE FOUR EVENING FLIGHTS FROM ASUNCION TO LA PAZ ON MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, DEPARTING ASUNCION AT 1930. AIR ATTACHE AIRCRAFT COULD BRING ASSISTANT SECRETARY TODMAN FROM BRASILIA TO ASUNCION IN TWO HOURS. IN A TWO TO THREE HOUR STOPOVER IN ASUNCION, A VISIT WITH THE PRESIDENT AND THE FOREIGN MINISTER CAN BE ARRANGED WITH VERY FAVORABLE IMPACT ON BILATERAL RELATIONS AND PARTICULARLY ON POSITIVE DEVELOPMENTS IN THE HUMAN RIGHTS FIELD.  
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